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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SECOND DAY

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1. WE ASSUME THAT THERE IS NO US OBJECTION TO LONG TERM AGRICULRUAL SUPPLY CONTRACTS BETWEEN EGYPT AND EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY, THE POSSIBILITY OF WHICH WAS MENTIONED PARA 5 REFTEL. EGYPTIAN SUPPLY SITUATION IS SUCH THAT ANY COUNTRY WHICH CAN BE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE IN LONG TERM SUPPLY CONTRACTS WITH EGYPT SHOULD HAVE OUR COMPLETE BACKING. ASSUME DEPARTMENT WILL KNOW BEST WHETHER TO MAKE THIS POINT SPECIFICALLY TO THE EC IN CONNECTION WITH CURRENT CONSIDERATION OF LONG TERM CONTRACT WITH EGYPT. FROM OUR VIEW-POINT THE QUICKER THE EC GRANTS APPROVAL THE BETTER IN TERMS OF EGYPTIAN PLANNING FOR 1976.

2. OUR ASSESSMENT OF SITUATION AS DETAILED ABOVE ASSUMES, OF COURSE, THAT NO COMMERCIAL US SALES WOULD BE AFFECTED BY SUCH LONG TERM EC CONTRACTS AND THAT IN LONG RUN SUCH EC RELATIONSHIP WOULD RELEASE SOME PRESSURE ON US TO PROVIDE
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